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PART III.

Legislative Measures and Rules thereunder.

NOTIFICATIONS.

No. Fl. 880—*S. R.* 8-10-3, *dated 25th August* 1911.

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Mysore Forest Regulation, 1900, and of all other powers enabling them in this behalf, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to direct that the following amendments be made in the Rules issued under Government Notification No. 14550—Legis. 103, dated 1st May 1901, to regulate the cutting and removal of leaves from date trees and of dead date wood on lands at the disposal of Government other than State Forests :—

(1) The following shall be inserted as Rule I A :—

"I A. No person shall cut or remove dead date wood or leaves from date trees except under a license obtained in accordance with the rules herein laid down."

(2) Clause (*c*) of Rule II shall be deleted.

(3) The words "The District Excise Officer" shall be inserted between the words "Amildar" and "or" in line 2 of Rule IV.

(4) The rules thus amended will read as follows :—

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Mysore Forest Regulation, XI of 1900, and of all other powers enabling them in this behalf, the Government of Mysore are pleased, in supersession of the existing rules on the subject, to prescribe the following rules to regulate the cutting and removal of leaves from date trees, and of dead date wood, on lands at the disposal of Government other than State Forests.

I. A license under the Excise laws or rules does not entitle the holder to cut or use leaves from date trees except such as must necessarily be removed for the purpose of drawing toddy.

I A. No person shall cut or remove dead date wood or leaves from date trees except under a license obtained in accordance with the rules herein laid down.

II. (*a*) In localities where date groves are in excess of the demand for toddy or may not be required for the supply of toddy elsewhere, or where *Kir îchal* (*Phœnix farinifera*) is not available, cultivating raiyats who are not professional rope-makers, basket-makers or mat-makers will be allowed, free of charge, the use of date leaves required for making ropes or for other *bonâ fide* agricultural purposes.

(*b*) In localities to be specified by the Deputy Commissioner, manufacturers of jaggory, as well as potters who pay mohatarfa tax, may be permitted to remove dry date leaves for fuel, free of charge.

III. Professional rope-makers, basket-makers, mat-makers and others not entitled to use date leaves free of charge, will be granted licenses for the removal of date leaves upon payment of fees according to the following scale, namely:—

For six months or less	Rs.	2
For more than six months or the entire year	,,	4

Provided that no such licenses shall be granted in localities where *Kir îchal* is available for making baskets, mats, etc., or where date trees are scarce or not more than sufficient for the purposes of toddy revenue.

IV. The licenses mentioned in Rules II and III shall be obtained, on payment of the fees if any payable, from the Taluk Amildar, the District Excise Officer or other officer empowered by the Deputy Commissioner in this behalf. Applications for licenses may be presented in person or through the village patel or hobli shekdars.

V. The licenses granted under Rules II and III shall be in the form appended to these rules; and shall specify the number of head or cart loads permitted to be removed at a time during the period for which the licenses are granted; and it shall be discretionary with the officer granting the license to fix the number of head or cart loads to be entered in such license, with reference to the requirements in each case.

VI. The licenses aforesaid shall not be transferable; and no person other than the license-holder or his *bonâ fide* servant or a member of his family living with him shall cut date leaves under the license. The licenses shall be produced for inspection whenever required by any officer of the Forest, Excise, Police, or Revenue Department or village patel; and they shall be returned to the officer issuing them immediately on the expiration of the period mentioned therein.

VII. In the cutting of date leaves the following directions shall be observed:—

(*a*) No leaves shall be cut or removed from groves set apart by the Deputy Commissioner to meet the requirements of toddy vend farmers; nor from groves other than such as may be specified in the license.

(*b*) No leaves shall be cut from any tree from which toddy is being actually drawn or which is reserved for the purposes of toddy revenue.

(*c*) No leaves shall be cut from young immature trees the trunks of which are less than 6 feet in height from the ground to the springing of the branches.

(*d*) Only two leaves from each tree shall be removed in any one year.

(*e*) The four tender leaves including the central shoot shall on no account be removed.

VIII. In localities where it is customary to use dead date wood for building purposes, raiyats may obtain, for such purposes, date trees not fit for tapping, under licenses granted by the Deputy Commissioner or other officer empowered by him in this behalf, on the same terms as are applicable to other kinds of jungle wood.

IX. In localities where fuel is scarce, raiyats may be permitted to take free of charge dry date leaves, and dead wood unserviceable, except as firewood, for *bonâ fide* private use, but not for sale.

X. In seasons of famine, scarcity or drought, raiyats may, subject to the provisions of Rule VII, be allowed to cut date leaves as fodder for cattle, in such groves as may not be reserved for the purposes of toddy revenue.

XI. The above rules shall, as far as may be, apply to the cutting and removal of bagani and palmyra dead wood, and of leaves from bagani and palmyra trees, but not to *Kir* or *Hul ichal*.

XII. Any person breaking any of the foregoing rules or any of the conditions specified in a license granted thereunder shall be liable on conviction to fine which may extend to Rs. 50, and also to the forfeiture of any license granted under these rules.

XIII. The fees levied under these rules shall not be let in farm."

FORM OF LICENSE UNDER RULES II AND III.

1. Taluk
2. Village
3. No. of license
4. Name and address of licensee
5. Profession of licensee
6. Quantity covered by the license
7. Date groves from which date leaves should be cut
8. For what purpose date leaves are required
9. Time within which the license should be returned
10. Date

Signature and designation of officer issuing the license.

No. Fl. 883—*S. R.* 8-10-4, *dated 25th August* 1911.

Under Section 59 of the Mysore Forest Regulation, 1900, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to invest the District Excise Officers in the State with the power to compound offences as set forth in the aforesaid section.

By Order,
C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Officiating Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments.

No. 375—*L. C., dated Bangalore, 28th August* 1911.

A meeting of the Mysore Legislative Council will be held in the Public Offices Buildings on Monday, the 11th September 1911, at 12 noon.

By Order,
S. HIRIYANNAIYA,
Secretary, Mysore Legislative Council.